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1. INDOCHINA

PRES SIGNS 3.7 BILLION DOL FY 75 FOREIGN AID BILL, EXPRESSES

"CONSIDERABLE MISGIVINGS" OVER CONGRESSIONAL CUTS (UPI, NYT).

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MEASURE CONTAINS 440 MILLION IN INDOCHINA RECONSTRUCTION AID,
BUT NO MIL AID FOR EITHER CAMBODIA OR VN (AP GLOBE, WP).

IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH PRES, W.R. HEARST, JR., REPORTS,

INTER ALIA, POINTS ON INDOCHINA. PRES BELIEVES CONGRESS' FAILURE PROVIDE GKR/GVN MORE MIL AID UNDOUBTEDLY HAD SOME IMPACT IN ME; BUT NIXON DOCTRINE NOT NEGATED, JUST IMPLEMENTED UNDER "CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES." SAID WOULD FAVOR UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE TO ASSURE PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF POWER IN CAMBODIA OR "ANYTHING FROM A HUMANITARIAN POINT OF VIEW" IF COMMUNISTS PREVAILED. FELT PERHAPS UNSC COULD DO SOMETHING IF IT REACHES POINT WHERE "THEY" PREPARED FACILITATE POWER TRANSFER WITH UNDERSTANDING THERE ISN'T SLAUGHTER. UNDER SUCH HYPOTHETICAL CIRCUMSTANCES, WOULD BE WILLING USE UN, ANY OTHER FORCE, TO SAVE LIVES, PRESERVE CAMBODIA AS COUNTRY.

LAT'S JOHNSTON (3/27) CALLS HAK WEDS NEWS CONFERENCE "IMPASSIONED WARNING TO CONGRESS" THAT FAILURE SEND SVN MORE AID WOULD THREATEN US SECURITY. BELIEVES "MORAL COMMITMENT" REFERRED TO BY SECSTATE IS CLOSEST ADMIN HAS COME TO ACKNOWLEDGING WHAT CONGRESSMEN HAVE INCREASINGLY SUSPECTED: THIEU WAS SECRETLY PROMISED LEVEL OF SUPPORT ADMIN UNABLE MAINTAIN. SAYS HAK ARGUED WITH STRIDENCY, THAT IN PAST HE DISPLAYED ONLY IN PRIVATE, AND PESSIMISM REFLECTING FOREIGN POLICY REVERSES IN SEVERAL AREAS, INCLUDING INDOCHINA. BELIEVES ADMIN 3-YR AID COMPROMISE OFFER FOR VN MAY BE TOO LATE. RECALLS ON TUES NIGHT TV INTERVIEW, AMB MARTIN SAID LEAST ADMIN COULD ACCEPT IS 6 BILLION DOLS. STATES CONGRESSIONAL SENTIMENT GREW WEDS FOR CUTOFF WITHIN NEXT 6 MOS, AND KEY FACTOR IS GROWING SUSPICION THAT C-F INVOLVED STILL SECRET PROMISE TO THIEU ON WHICH CONGRESS NEVER CONSULTED. WSTAR'S DOWLING (3/27) SEES HAK AT NEWS CONFERENCE "ISOLATED AND BESIEGED AS DA NANG" UNDER BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS ON ME AND INDOCHINA. SAYS NO DOUBT NVN BETRAYED HAK, NO DOUBT US BETRAYING SVN AND GKR, BUT TO PROVIDE MORE MEANT WHAT WE HAD ALREADY DONE HAD FAILED. OPINES US FOREIGN POLICY IN SVN FAILED LONG BEFORE HAK CAME ON SCENE.

IN RITES MARKING EASTER'S APPROACH, POPE LAMENTS
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AGONY OF VN WAR REFUGEES (UPI, WP). US NATL CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS PRES IN GOOD FRIDAY STATEMENT ASKS RCS SUPPORT EMERGENCY AID TO VIET PEOPLE, ASKS US POLICYMAKERS TRY PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS OF "GHASTLY WAR" INNOCENT VICTIMS, SINCE US WITHDRAWAL FROM COMBAT ROLE HAS "NOT ABSOLVED US FROM A SHARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT IS HAPPENING THERE" (WP).

THIRTEEN MILITANTS FORCED WAY INTO SVN UN MISSION OFFICE MAR 27, OCCUPIED SUITE 2 HRS, DAMAGED FILES, OVERTURNED FURNITURE, BROKE ITEMS IN HANDICRAFT EXHIBIT. ARRESTED, FACE CHARGES OF CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, TRESPASS, RESISTING ARREST. OTHER REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT BRIGADE MEMBERS

PICKETED OUTSIDE DURING INCIDENT. VIET EMPLOYEE IN OFFICE DURING OCCUPATION SAID DEMONSTRATORS SEEMED LIKE "CHILDREN PLAYING" (MONTGOMERY, NYT).

GEN WEYAND ACCOMPANIED BY AMB MARTIN ARRIVES SAIGON TO ASSESS MIL SITUATION FOR PRES; SCHEDULED SEE THIEU. WH'S NESSEN SAID GEN CARRIES PRES' PLEDGE TO TRY OBTAIN 300 MILLION DOLS IN SUPPLEMENTAL MIL AID FOR GVN (AP NYT, SUN).

CHITRIB'S YATES IN SAIGON NOTES GVN HAS JAILED 10 CRITICS, BELIEVES MIGHT BE REACTION TO INTENSE ANTI-GOVT FEELING.

ARRESTS OFFICIALLY CALLED RESULT OF ABORTIVE COUP; BUT WESTERN SOURCES SAY NONE JAILED WAS IN POSITION OVERTHROW THIEU. GVN STARTS EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION INTO MOVEMENTS OF ALL ANTI-GVN POLITICIANS, REPORTERS, EDUCATORS IN SAIGON, REFUSES DISCLOSE DETAILS OF ALLEGED COUP ATTEMPT. YATES REPORTS KY ABANDONED PLANTATION IN NHA TRANG AREA FOR SAIGON BECAUSE OF NVA ADVANCE ; IS CONSIDERED DANGEROUS BY THIEU BECAUSE OF MIL CONNECTIONS, AND SOURCE BELIEVES IF ANYONE COULD PULL COUP, KY COULD. GVN HAS PLACED STRINGENT CURBS ON MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE IN CAPITAL, ALSO NEW TOUGH ECON CONTROLS EXPECTED THAT WILL PROBABLY MAKE THIEU MORE UNPOPULAR AND PROBABLY PROMPT MORE COUP RUMORS.

KY AND OTHER OPPOSITION POLITICIANS FORM ACTION COMMITTEE
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FOR NATL SALVATION, CALL ON THIEU TO GIVE UP POWERS TO NEW GOVT OF NEW PERSONALITIES WITH NEW POLICIES "EFFECTIVE FOR THE NATIONAL SALVATION" (AP SUN, NYDN). DECLARATION DID NOT DEMAND THIEU LEAVE OFFICE. SVN OFFICER SAYS ADMINISTRATION "PARALYZED" AND CHAIN OF COMMAND BROKEN DOWN (NYT SPECIAL). WP'S MCCOMBS IN SAIGON SEES KY THRUSTING HIMSELF INTO POLITICAL LIMELIGHT, JOINING REV THANH AND OTHER GVN OPPONENTS. NOTES STRONG BID BY KY COMES AT TIME OF MAXIMUM POLITICAL PERIL FOR THIEU; BELIEVES LATTER'S REACTION MAY BE HARSH. COMMENTS THAT, IRONICALLY, SEVEN OF THOSE RECENTLY ARRESTED CONSIDERED RIGHT-WING NATIONALISTS AND STRONGEST ANTI-THIEU SENTIMENT IN PRESENT DEBACLE HAS COME FROM RIGHT. NOTES LAST REMAINING OPPOSITION PAPER CLOSED. QUOTES SENATE PRES AND NATL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER IN APPEAL TO US THAT MIL AID CUTS HAVE TIPPED BALANCE IN FAVOR OF COMMUNISTS AND ENCOURAGED OFFENSIVE.

DOS' ANDERSON SAID MORE US COMMERCIAL PLANES BEING RUSHED TO DA NANG TO AID IN REFUGEE EVACUATION, WITH STRIPPED-DOWN 747 CAPABLE OF CARRYING 12-1500 EXPECTED IN SERVICE APR 1. ADDED THAT BARGES AND TUGS ALSO DUE

ARRIVE TO REMOVE REFUGEES (UPI, NYT). REFUGEES IN DA NANG FIGHT TO BOARD OVERLOADED BOATS AND PLANES (CHITRIB; AP NYDN, SUN). NYT'S BROWNE IN DA NANG DESCRIBES DESPERATE WAIT WITH WIDESPREAD IMPRESSION NVA WANTS OCCUPY CITY. THOSE WHO FEAR COMMUNISTS MOST CROWD AIRPORT WHERE PANIC, FURY, SUFFERING REIGN. NOTES MOST CITY'S REGULAR POPULATION SEEMS CONTENT TO STAY. SAYS US CONSULATE DESERTED WITH ONLY HANDFUL OF NERVOUS USMC GUARDS ON DUTY TO PROTECT FEW KEY AMERICANS WHO WILL BE LAST EVACUATED. REPORTS HUNGARIAN, IRANIAN ICCS

OFFICIALS SUPERVISED TRANSPORT OF SOUVENIRS TO TRANSPORT PLANE IN AMBULANCES THEY COMMANDEERED WHEN LAST OF TEAMS LEFT.

NVA REACH COAST IN BINH DINH, WITH HEAVY ATTACKS IN OTHER PARTS OF PROV. COMMUNISTS APPEAR OPENING NEW FRONT ON CENTRAL COAST (AP SUN, NYDN). NYT'S WEINRAUB IN SAIGON REPORTS QUI NHON APPEARS THREATENED AS NVA UNCLASSIFIED

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SURGES SOUTH ALONG COASTAL PLAIN. QUOTES GVN COMMAND THAT ATTACKS NEAR SAIGON INCREASED; SAYS STRENGTH OF ATTACKS RAISES NEW FEARS OF ASSAULT ON CAPITAL. GVN REPORTEDLY PREPARING FOR POSSIBILITY OF DA NANG LOSS. REPORTS FROM DA NANG TELL OF UNREST IN STREETS AND PANIC AT AIRPORT, AND CITY SAID CROWDED WITH ARMY DESERTERS, STRAGGLERS FROM HUE. BELIEVES GVN STRATEGY OF WITHDRAWAL HAS RESULTED IN PANICKY FLIGHTS BY MIL AND CIVILIANS. WESTERN MIL ANALYST SAYS NVA TROOP STRENGTH IN SOUTH INCREASES DAILY.

WP'S WILSON REPORTS DOD OFFICIALS SEE NEXT FEW DAYS AS CRUCIAL FOR GVN, WITH MANY GIVING ONLY 50-50 CHANCE THAT DA NANG WILL BE HELD. NOTES REPORTS ARVN ABANDONED TONS OF AMMO, EQUIPMENT IN FLIGHT AND IS EXHAUSTED, DEMORALIZED. LAT'S MCARTHUR (GLOBE) IN SAIGON SAYS GVN HAS LOST OVER 300 MILLION DOLS IN EQUIPMENT IN PAST 3 WKS, AND WEYAND WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE HOW STAGGERING LOSSES REALLY HAVE BEEN. CLEAR THERE WILL HAVE TO BE MAJOR RESHUFFLE IN US MIL AID. SOME ITEMS DESTROYED BEFORE RETREAT, BUT OTHERS EVIDENTLY ABANDONED TO ENEMY. NYT'S FINNEY QUOTES DOD THAT SVN FORCES NOT CRITICALLY SHORT OF AMMO OR FUEL, WHILE OFFICIALS CONTEND CUTBACKS CONTRIBUTED TO GVN SETBACKS BY FORCING TROOPS ONTO DEFENSIVE. SEES CUTBACKS BECOMING CONTROVERSIAL AS ADMIN SEEKS LINK SVN MIL REVERSES WITH MIL AID REDUCTIONS. ANALYZES RECENT DOD AID FIGURES, CONCLUDES EVEN WITH REDUCTIONS, RUNNING AT TWICE PRC/SOVIET MIL AID TO NVN.

WP'S SHAFFER IN SAIGON WRITES OF S VIETS RALLYING TO

AID REFUGEES. QUOTES UNNAMED DOS INTERPRETER THAT
US "RUINED ECONOMY, AGGRAVATED MIL SITUATION AND NOW
US SENATORS SAY "NO COMMITMENT" TO VN. DILLIN(CSM)
REMEMBERS HUE THAT WAS ALWAYS "LUKEWARM" TO WAR, WHERE
GEOGRAPHICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL POSITION HAS COST IT MUCH.

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN SAIGON REPORTS THIEU TRYING REGROUP
DEMORALIZED ARMY WITH BACK TO WALL AND POSSIBILITY OF
BIG BATTLES DEVELOPING NEAR CAPITAL. NOTES SMALL GROUPS
OF POLITICIANS MEETING AND MAKING DECLARATIONS IN ATTEMPT
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GET THIEU TO SHARE POWER. QUOTES MIL ANALYSTS VIEW THAT
HUE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DEFENDED EFFECTIVELY WITH
AVAILABLE GVN FORCES, BUT THIEU'S INDECISION APPARENTLY
CONTRIBUTED TO CHAOTIC SITUATION THAT DEVELOPED IN AND
AROUND FORMER IMPERIAL CAPITAL.

WSJ'S KANN FROM SAIGON NOTES FORMERLY-OPTIMISTIC AMERICANS
NOW TALKING ABOUT POTENTIAL SURVIVABILITY OF MINI-VN
CONSISTING OF DELTA, SAIGON AREA AND PERHAPS FEW ENCLAVES
ON COAST TO NORTH. REVIEWS EVENTS OF RECENT WEEKS AND
GVN STRATEGY OF WITHDRAWALS THAT BECAME CRISIS.
SEES SOME PROMISING DEVELOPMENTS: BIG REFUGEE FLIGHT
INDICATES MANY PREFER GVN TO COMMUNIST CONTROL; IN
LAUNCHING CONVENTIONAL WAR NVA SEEMS TO HAVE RECOGNIZED
THAT NEITHER INTERNAL ROT NOR GUERRILLA PRESSURE WOULD
BRING GVN DOWN.

GKR PLANES AND ARTILLERY CONCENTRATE ON HOWITZERS THAT
SHELL PP (AP, NYDN). INFANTRY DRIVE AGAINST "ROCKET
BELT" FIZZLED WHEN 2 BATTALIONS REFUSED TO FIGHT; SOLDIERS
COMPLAINED LACKED FOOD AND THAT OFFICERS USING POOR
TACTICS (PHINQ; AP, SUN). NYT'S ANDELMAN IN PP NOTES
INDONESIAN AND MALAYSIAN AMBASSADORS LEFT CITY WITH
STAFFS, AND THAI AMBASSADOR RECALLED TO BANGKOK FOR
"SECURITY" DISCUSSIONS. SAYS SHARPLY CONTRACTED
DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY STILL MAINTAINS ACTIVITY, AND NOW
SPREADS REPORT THAT LONG BORET HAS PREPARED "SCENARIO"
FOR PEACEFUL GOVT TRANSITION THAT INVOLVES LON NOL BOWING
OUT AND OPENING TALKS WITH REBELS. LAT'S LESLIE (3/27)
REPORTS THAT DESPITE LOSSES, LON NOL CLINGS TO POWER,
EVEN THOUGH GKR NOW BEING ABANDONED BY ASIAN NEIGHBORS.

INSURGENT PRESS AGENCY CLAIMS 97-PCT OF CAMBODIA NOW
OCCUPIED BY REBELS, WITH 6-7 MILLION INHABITANTS
(REUTER, NYT).

WP'S FENTON NEAR PP WONDERES WHY SOLDIERS STILL FIGHT
THOUGH FEW SEEM TO HAVE ANYTHING GOOD TO SAY ABOUT
LON NOL. SOME DO BECAUSE OF ORDERS, BECAUSE NOT POSSIBLE
TO SIT HOME AND DO NOTHING; OTHERS DO NOT BELIEVE US

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WILL CUT OFF AID; ONE SAYS OFFICERS KNOW WAR IS LOST
BUT NOT SOLDIERS.

WSTAR'S BRADSHAW (3/27) IN INTERVIEW QUOTES GKR AMBASSADOR SIM THAT PROMISES WERE MADE BY SOME OFFICIALS THAT US WOULD NOT ABANDON CAMBODIA; NVA RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENT KHMER SITUATION; MORALE OF FANK STILL GOOD; DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER SIHANOUK WILL PLAY ROLE IN CAMBODIA'S FUTURE; BLOODBATH WILL FOLLOW INSURGENT VICTORY.

WP'S SIMONS FROM PP QUOTES MIL SOURCE THAT LON NOL HAS MADE DECISION ABANDON SVAY RIENG AND PREY VENG PROVINCES, AND MOVE EXPECTED HAVE SEVERE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT IN CAMBODIA AND AGGRAVATE GVN MIL PROBLEMS SINCE NVA USES AREAS FOR STAGING. NOTES US EMBASSY HAS NO COMMENT AND GKR MIL OFFICIALS COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT. WP MIL SOURCE SEES REPORT "LITTLE AHEAD OF THE SCENARIO," INDICATING GKR TRYING KEEP NEWS QUIET TO FORESTALL BLOW TO MORALE. TROOPS DEFENDING SURROUNDED PROV CAPITALS WILL BE SENT TO DEFEND NEAK LUONG AND PP. SAYS JAPANESE EMBASSY WILL LEAVE PP NEXT WK.

2. CHINA

MONTH-LONG US TOUR BY PRC ARTS TROUPE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED BECAUSE PROGRAM INCLUDED SONG EXPRESSING PEKING'S DETERMINATION TO "LIBERATE TAIWAN," NCUSCR ANNOUNCED MAR 27. NCUSCR SAID IT COULD NOT ACCEPT INCLUSION OF POLITICAL ELEMENT IN CULTURAL PROGRAM, AND US-PRC NEGOTIATIONS SINCE MAR 13 FAILED RESOLVE ISSUE (REUTER, SUN; NYDN; UPI, REUTER, BRADSHAW IN WSTAR MAR 27).

NYT'S KISSELGOFF REPORTS DOS PRESS OFFICER THAT US CONSIDERS THIS EPISODE THAT NEED NOT, SHOULD NOT, AFFECT IMPROVING US-PRC RELATIONS. BERGER (WP) REPORTS HAK WAS CONSULTED ABOUT ISSUE FOLLOWING HIS RETURN. NOTES US DECISION TO TAKE "DEFINITIVE STAND ON KEEPING POLITICAL CONTENT OUT OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES" COMES SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE FORD'S PLANNED CHINA TRIP, AND
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FOLLOWS NUMBER OF SINO-US "SPARRING MATCHES" CONCERNING EARLIER EXCHANGES AND GROWING REPORTS OF DISSATISFACTION, PARTICULARLY AMONG US SCHOLARS, OVER RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON THEM DURING CHINA VISITS. CITES SPECULATION THAT "DECISION NOT TO BACK DOWN" ON THIS ISSUE MAY HAVE BEEN

MOTIVATED IN PART BY HAK'S PRIVATELY-EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT PRC WOULD SOON TRY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DETERIORATING US POSITION IN VARIOUS WORLD SECTORS.

DEPUTY PM CHEN YUNG-KUEI ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY THURSDAY FOR NINE-DAY VISIT -- FIRST BY ANY SENIOR PRC OFFICIAL TO WESTERN COUNTRY SINCE GPCR BEGAN (REUTER MAR 27).

SOVIET NEWSPAPER CLAIMS PEKING HAS SPIES STATIONED IN CHINESE RESTAURANTS THROUGHOUT WORLD, AND MANY WESTERN AGENTS HAVE TO SPEND MOST OF TIME IN THESE RESTAURANTS TRYING DECIDE WHICH OF WAITERS BEING USED BY PEKING

FOR ILLEGAL ACTIVITY (PHINQ).

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSN BIOCHEMIST REPORTS CHINESE TOOTHPASTES ARE TYPICAL OF US DENTIFRICES 30 YEARS AGO, JUDGING FROM ANALYSIS OF 17 CHINESE TOOTHPASTE BRANDS PURCHASED IN MANCHURIA (AP, SUN).

3. JAPAN

TOHO ZINC AND NICHIMEN SAY CONTRACT SIGNED WITH DRESSER INDUSTRIES IN TOKYO WEDNESDAY FOR 3-YEAR JOINT PROJECT TO EXPLORE ZINC RESOURCES IN TENN, KY (AP, CHITRIB).

WSJ (VANCOUVER) NOTES KAISER RESOURCES NEGOTIATED 52 PERCENT INTERIM PRICE INCREASE FOR COKING COAL TO JAPAN, TO 47 DOLS/LONG TON EFFECTIVE NEXT TUESDAY, UNTIL LONG-TERM PRICE TALKS CONCLUDED; REPLACES 6.45 DOLS/TON SURCHARGE IN EFFECT FIRST QUARTER.

JOC NOTES TREASURY SENDS FIRST DUMPING CASE TO US TRADE COMM BEFORE COMPLETING OWN INVESTIGATION, UNDER TRADE ACT PROVISION EXPEDITE CASES WHERE UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTS SEEM TOO SMALL TO INJURE US PRODUCERS. CASE IS "NITRO RUBBER" FROM JAPAN; TOTALED 677,000 DOLS LAST YEAR.

JOC'S CULLISON ON TOKYO SAYS SEAMEN, DOCKERS MAY UNITE FIRST TIME IN SPRING WAGE CAMPAIGN; COULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT JAPAN'S SEABORN TRADE. NOTES SOME DOCKERS WALKED OFF PIERS THURSDAY 2-4 HOURS.

JOC (TOKYO) SAYS JAPANESE FIRMS PLAN FLOAT 7.2 BILLION DOLS IN BONDS IN DOMESTIC MARKET JFY 75; FIVE MAJOR STEEL FIRMS FLOATING BONDS IN EUROPE, TO FINANCE PLANNED 3.4 BILLION DOLS CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN JFY 75.

JOC (TOKYO) NOTES NIGERIA JOINS IRAN IN ASKING ADVICE TO BUILD HI-SPEED TRAIN; JAPANESE RR MEN DOUBT ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF LINE, BUT AGREE IN PRINIAPLE SEND "PRE-FEASIBILITY" SURVEY MISSION TO NIGERIA.

4. KOREA

WSJ (WASHINGTON) NOTES 100 MILLION DOL LOAN TO ROK BYWB TO HELP PROVIDE "URGENTLY NEEDED" FOREX FOR ESSENTIAL IMPORTS. WB ALSO APPROVES 22.5 MILLION DOL LOAN FOR MANPOWER-ORIENTED EDUCATION PROJECTS. BOTH 20 YEARS, 8.5 PERCENT.

5. THAILAND

CHATICHA THURSDAY SAID RTG READY OFFER GOOD OFFICES HELP RESTORE PEACE IN CAMBODIA; WANTS CAMBODIA SOLVE OWN PROBLEMS BY PEACEFUL MEANS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. KUKURIT TELLS PRESS RTG WOULD TAKE CAMBODIAN REFUGEES ON "TEMPORARY" BASIS, BUT WOULD BE SENT BACK AFTER WAR ENDED (REUTER, NYT).

US, RTG REPS MEET BANGKOK TO PLAN SCHEDULED WITHDRAWAL OF REMAINING US FORCES, AIRCRAFT WITHIN YEAR (AP NYDN, SUN).

6. PHILIPPINES

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WP'S HYER NOTES SEVEN US PROTESTANT, RC LEADERS MEET PHIL AMB WASHINGTON TO PROTEST TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS UNDER MARCOS. QUOTES RC REV DONALD EHR TELLING PRESS AFTER HOUR-LONG MEETING LEADERS PRESSED GOP PERMIT INDEPENDENT INSPECTION OF CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH POLITICAL PRISONERS KEPT, AND ROMUALDEZ AGREED TRANSMIT REQUEST "FORCEFULLY."

7. INDONESIA

JOC (CHICAGO) NOTES INDONESIA'S FIRST INTL FINANCE CORP INDOVEST RAISES 12 MILLION EUROS FOR METAL REFINERY BEING BUILT AT POMALAA; PLANS PRODUCE 20,000 TONS FERRO-NICKEL ANNUALLY FROM NICKEL ORE STARTING THIS YEAR.

8. GENERAL

WP'S WATSON CITES GAO REPORT MANY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES OVERSEAS TAKE "FAR TOO MANY" HOLIDAYS, AND RANGE WIDELY VARIED" FS PERSONNEL TAKE 24 HOLIDAYS LAOS, SEVERAL FEDERAL AGENCIES CELEBRATE 21 IN ROK BUT PC ONLY 10. GAO SAYS INEQUITIES HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT ON MORALE, RECOMMENDS COMMON FEDERAL HOLIDAY POLICY FOR US EMPLOYEES

OVERSEAS, WITH CEILING ON TOTAL.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA

CROSBY NOYES IN STAR SAYS SEN STEVENSON'S VIEWS
ON VN THOSE OF A POLITICIAN WHO WANTS TO CUT OFF AID.
SAYS WE ARE NOW IN AN ENLIGHTENED AGE OF "BAIL OUT,
BUG OUT AND SELL OUT" (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

RAYMOND PRICE IN STAR SUPPORTS VALIDITY OF DOMINO THEORY.
POPULAR IMAGE OF THE THEORY IS OVERLY SIMPLIFIED
(SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

STAR SAYS US SHOULD MAKE USE OF ITS NAVAL VESSELS
IN THE AREA TO HELP EVACUATE REFUGEES SINCE THIS
HUMANITARIAN EFFORT (SEE WIRELESS FILE).
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CSM EDIT SAYS US SHOULD CONTINUE AID TO THOSE LED TO
EXPECT IT (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

TOM WICKER IN NYT TERMS HAK'S MOST RECENT NEWS CONFERENCE
"AN EGREGIOUS INSULT" TO AMERICAN PEOPLE. QUOTES JOHN
PATON DAVIES LETTER REPORTED IN YESTERDAY'S PRESS
SUMMARY (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT SAYS WAY FOR US TO FIGHT AGAINST TEMPTATION OF
ISOLATIONISM IS TO DEVELOP ITS FOREIGN POLICY ON BASIS
OF ECONOMIC SECURITY AND PERSONAL FREEDOM NEEDS OF ALL
PEOPLE (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

JOSEPH C. HARSCH IN CSM POINTS TO UNPRECEDENTED LOSSES
SUFFERED BY US FOREIGN POLICY AND SAYS MOST DIFFICULT
OPERATION IN POWER POLITICS IS THE "CONTRACTION OF
IMPERIAL FRONTIERS" (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

DREW MIDDLETON IN NYT DISCUSSES WEAKNESS OF ARVN
INCLUDING A TENDENCY TOWARD WISHFUL THINKING BY
AMERICAN OFFICERS STUDYING SITUATION (SEE USIA
WIRELESS FILE).

MARY MCGRORY IN SUN (ALSO IN CHITRIB) CRITICIZES HAK
AS "PEACE WITH HONOR" UNFOLDS INTO FIRST US "DEFEAT."
SAYS MORE IMPORTANT IS FACT HAK PRIDE HURT BY FAILURE
OF ME SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY. HAK VOICED DISPLEASURE WITH
CONGRESS FOR DAMAGING CREDIBILITY BY REFUSING FINANCE
WAR ANY LONGER. ENCLAVE THEORY NOW ABOUT BE BRUTALLY
TESTED IN SOLE ENCLAVE SAIGON, BUT NOT HAK'S FAULT.
STATES AIR OF UNREALITY THAT ATTENDED VN WAR SINCE
JFK SENT FIRST TRAINING MISSIONS IN 1962 STILL HOLDS,

AS DOES HAK SPELL OVER CONGRESS.

DETROIT NEWS' COL HEINL (USMC RET) MAINTAINS GKR MIGHT STILL HAVE HAD CHANCE BUT FOR US CONGRESS, WHICH HAS CONSISTENTLY IMPEDED SUPPLIES FOR CAMBODIA, PREVENTED USADVISERS TEACHING FANK TO FIGHT, AND THEN, BY HALTING US BOMBING, DENIED CAMBODIANS AIR SUPPORT (MAR 19).

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10. KOREA

NYT'S HALLORAN IN SEOUL SAYS KIM YOUNG SAM CHALLENGED NEW "CENSORSHIP" LAW BY URGING IN INTERVIEW THURSDAY THAT PARK RESIGN AND PERMIT REVISION OF CONSTITUTION "TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES FOR A FAIR ELECTION." KIM SAID WOULD NOT OBJECT IF PARK RAN AGAIN IN "DEMOCRATIC ELECTION." KIM SPECIFIED CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE AMENDED BECAUSE DOES NOT PERMIT FREEDOM OF SPEECH OR ASSEMBLY, CURBS BASIC RIGHTS, PRES NOT ELECTED BY PEOPLE, INDEPENDENCE OF JUDICIARY COMPROMISED, AND PRES APPOINTS ONE THIRD OF ASSEMBLY.

NOTES NEW LAW AIMS CURB PARK CRITICS ABROAD, OR THROUGH FOREIGNERS IN SK ESPECIALLY NEWSMEN TO WHOM KOREANS TURN BECAUSE OWN PRESS CENSORED. SAYS AMEMBASSY INQUIRED WHETHER LAW APPLIES SKOREANS IN US, AND INFORMED ROKG THAT POLITICAL ACTION BY SK AGENTS IN US WON'T BE TOLERATED. ADDS MIYAZAWA TOLD DIET GOJ WOULD CONTINUE PROTECT 400,000 SKOREAN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN DESPITE NEW LAW.

11. INDONESIA

WP'S MCDONALD IN JAKARTA OBSERVES NEW CONFIDENCE IN INDONESIA STEMMING FROM INCREASED OIL REVENUES, BUT NOTES NOT ALL THAT MUCH IN FACE OF THREAT OF EXPLOSIVE INFLATION, LOW AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME, AND POPULATION DOUBLING BY YEAR 2000. SAYS OIL MONEY DOES GIVE INDONESIA HEALTHY TRADE SURPLUS, HELPS BEGIN PAY DEBTS AND LAST WEEK ALLOWED OFFER 1 MILLION DOLS AID TO LAOS.

OBSERVES GROWTH OF CONFIDENCE CORRESPONDINGLY WEAKENS INFLUENCE OF US, NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA, INDONESIA PUSHING "ARCHIPELAGIC PRINCIPLE" TO GAIN CONTROL OVER INTL WATERWAYS AT EXPENSE BIGGEST TRADING PARTNER, JAPAN. TERMS PERTAMINA'S NEW PROJECTS "SIGNIFICANT DRAIN" ON RESOURCES, SEES MIL SPENDING ON RISE AND CITES OBSERVERS' DOUBTS JAKARTA CAN AFFORD INDULGE IN FAMILIAR INDONESIAN TENDENCY TOWARD CONSPICUOUS CONSUMPTION. KISSINGER

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